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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR SOUTH
AFRICANS

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1. THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED JULY 14 ON DRAFT TALKING
POINTS FOR USE WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. THE TALKING
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POINTS SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO BRAND FOURIE ORALLY ONLY
AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (REFTEL). IN THE INTEREST OF
TIME, ANY ALTERATIONS IN THE DRAFT REQUIRED BY CAPITALS
SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BY THE PRETORIA FIVE.

2. THE CONTACT GROUP (WITH SOME BRITISH RELUC-
TANCE) AGREED THAT A COPY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESO-

LUTION ON WALVIS BAY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE PASSED TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS AT THIS TIME. IN ADDITION, NOTHING SHOULD BE SAID TO THEM TO INDICATE THAT A FORMAL RESOLUTION EXISTS. THE GROUP'S BELIEF IS THAT PROVIDING THEM WITH A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION NOW WOULD LEAD TO SOUTH AFRICAN DEMANDS TO NEGOTIATE THE DRAFT--SOMETHING THAT CLEARLY CANNOT BE DONE. IN ADDITION, PROVIDING THEM WITH THE RESOLUTION WILL NECESSITATE A RESPONSE WHEREAS NOT PROVIDING IT WILL ALLOW THEM TO OVERLOOK IT FOR NOW.

3. FOR PRETORIA: CANADIANS HAVE ASKED THAT YOU ADVISE YOUR CANADIAN COLLEAGUES THAT OTTAWA APPROVES THE TALKING POINTS BELOW.

4. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT TALKING POINTS. BEGIN TEXT. THE MEETING WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE JUST COMPLETED IN LUANDA WITH SWAPO WAS DIFFICULT, BUT SUCCESSFUL. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE. SWAPO HAVE NOW ACCEPTED THE FIVE-POWER PROPOSAL AS CONTAINED IN SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT S/12636 OF APRIL 10, 1978.

SWAPO SOUGHT, BUT WITHDREW, SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE PROPOSAL. WITHOUT MAKING IT A CONDITION OF THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL, THEY MAINTAINED A PREFERENCE FOR LIMITING THE RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE TO ONE BASE ONLY, EITHER GROOTFONTEIN OR OSHIVELLO. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES IF YOU WOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THIS PREFERENCE.

MOST OF THE DISCUSSION CONCERNED WALVIS BAY. FROM THE OUTSET, OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE RECOGNIZED THE OPPOSING VIEWS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND OF SWAPO ON THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY AND THE INTENSITY WITH WHICH THESE VIEWS ARE HELD. WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THESE VIEWS. ON THE CONTRARY, WE PURPOSELY EXCLUDED THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY FROM THE PROPOSAL TRANSMITTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT TO ENGAGE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN A DISCUSSION OF THE LEGAL BASIS FOR ITS CLAIM TO WALVIS BAY AND DO NOT INTEND TO DO SO. WE HAVE MADE EQUALLY CLEAR TO SWAPO OUR VIEW THAT A DISCUSSION OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF WALVIS BAY WOULD NOT BE USEFUL.

IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ON FEBRUARY 16, AND IN MR

JAMIESON'S SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON APRIL 25, WE MADE CLEAR THAT THE ISSUE OF WALVIS BAY COULD NOT BE RESOLVED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. AS MR. JAMIESON STATED, "WE CONSIDER THAT ALL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY MUST BE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA. WE HAVE, FURTHERMORE, OBTAINED ASSURANCES THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN WALVIS BAY WILL NOT BE INCREASED DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND THAT NAMIBIANS IN WLAVIS BAY WILL BE ABLE TO

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PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE TERRITORY DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD INCLUDING VOTING IN THE ELECTIONS."

OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT CONSIDERATIONS OF A GEOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND

ADMINISTRATIVE CHARACTER SUPPORT THE UNION OF WALVIS BAY WITH NAMIBIA. THEY HAVE TAKEN GOOD NOTE OF THE FACT THAT ALL POLITICAL ELEMENTS IN NAMIBIA CONSIDER THAT WALVIS BAY MUST BE PART OF INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA.
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WE ARE THUS PREPARED TO SUPPORT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL A RESOLUTION IN FAVOUR OF THE UNION OF WALVIS BAY WITH NAMIBIA. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEANING OF SUCH ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL:

- (A) THE SUPPORT WHICH THE FIVE ARE READY TO GIVE TO THE UNION OF WALVIS BAY WITH NAMIBIA IS DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
- (B) WE WILL THUS ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS MATTER BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA ELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PROPOSAL.
- (C) WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE UNDER THE UN CHARTER FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO LEND ITS GOOD OFFICES TO ENCOURAGE THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER.

WE EXPECT THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT ON OUR PROPOSAL THIS MONTH. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS NOW CONSULTING ON THE PRECISE TIMING OF THE MEETING, AND WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE PART YOU HAVE PLAYED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND MOST RECENTLY YOUR FACILITATING THE PARTICIPATION OF SOME OF THE SWAPO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LUANDA TALKS. LEONARD

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